Renewable Energy Development Agency (OREDA) during Eighth and Ninth Plan period under the Central Sector Scheme—National Projcct on bio-gas Development is given below:—

Period	No. of Plants	
	Target	Achievement
Eighth Plan	54,000	56,184
Ninth Plan	46,500	35,995 (upto to June, 2001)

In addition, Khadi and Village Industries Commission promoted 5,971 plants in the State during the Eighth Plan period. Under the Community, Institutional and Night-soil based Bio-gas Plants programme, against at target of 6 and 28 plants allocated to the State nodal agency for the Eighth and Ninth Plans, respectively, 18 and 5 plants have been set up so far.

Commercial Power Generation from Wind Energy in Rajasthan

1883. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rajasthan is the only State to start commercial power generation from wind energy;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Rajasthan Energy Development Agency has not been provided soft loan either from the Central or State Government;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken to grant soft loans to all the States which are coming up for development of Non-conventional energy sources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) No, Sir. A commercial wind power capacity of 1278 MW has been installed in seven States, including Rajasthan.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Rajasthan Energy Development Agency through Rajasthan State Power Corporation Ltd. (RSPCL), a commercial corporate arm of the State Government for establishing power plants based on non-conventional energy sources, has obtained loans from Indian Renewable Energy Develpment Agency (IREDA), which is a financial institution under Ministry of Non-conventional Energy Sources, for putting up three demonstration wind power projects in the State. Rajasthan State Government has also provided a soft loan for the 2 MW demonstration project at Jaisalmer.

(d) Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) provides term loan to the eligible applicants in all the State for setting up various non-conventional energy projects/systems, subject to financial viability. Other financial institutions and banks also provide loans for such projects.

Losses to SEBs due to low PLF, Pilferage and subsidies

1884. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the combined losses of SEBs average Rs. 24,000 crores annually due to low Plant Load Factor, Pilferage, farmer subsidy and politically constituted SE Board;

(b) if so, whether the Centre has ever attempted to enforce fiscal discipline among the SEBs;

(c) whether the recent recommendation of Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission to permit power producers sell directly to consumers, is welcome in the context of Centre's failure to rein in the errant SEBs; and

(d) if the Centre follows the GERC directives, whether the Dabhol Power Company will also be permitted to sell power directly to consumers or to other interested parties?